GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3010
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2004
PAYMENT OF WAGES
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) continues to pay its workers through cheques even for petty amounts despite a number of directives;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any inquiry has been constituted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): Salary of the workers in the Orissa Region of the Food Corporation of India is being paid as per the judgement dated 14th June, 2004 of the Hon`ble Supreme Court passed in SLP Nos. 10953 and 10954.

The Hon`ble Supreme Court had directed the FCI to pay the wages of workers in Orissa Region for the months of March, April and May, 2004 in the following manner:-

Rs. 10,000/- be paid by cash and rest by cheque.

Hence, any amount exceeding Rs. 10,000/- was paid by cheque to the workers, strictly incompliance of the Hon`ble Supreme Court Judgement mentioned in Para (a) above.

(c), (d) & (e): Does not arise in view of replies to parts (a) and (b) above.